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INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

(PCT Article 18 and Rules 43 and 44)

Applicant's or agent's file reference U008 0547	FOR FURTHER ACTION see Notification of Transmittal of International Search Report (Form PCT/ISA/220) as well as, where applicable, item 5 below.	
International application No. PCT/ CA 03/ 00350	International filing date (day/month/year) 13/03/2003	(Earliest) Priority Date (day/month/year) 13/03/2002
Applicant THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA		

This International Search Report has been prepared by this International Searching Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 18. A copy is being transmitted to the International Bureau.

This International Search Report consists of a total of 6 sheets.

☐ It is also accompanied by a copy of each prior art document cited in this report.

1. Basis of the report

a. With regard to the **language**, the international search was carried out on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

☐ the international search was carried out on the basis of a translation of the international application furnished to this Authority (Rule 23.1(b)).

b. With regard to any **nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence** disclosed in the international application, the international search was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing :

☐ contained in the international application in written form.

☐ filed together with the international application in computer readable form.

☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority in written form.

☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority in computer readable form.

☐ the statement that the subsequently furnished written sequence listing does not go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed has been furnished.

☐ the statement that the information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written sequence listing has been furnished

2. ☐ **Certain claims were found unsearchable** (See Box I).

3. ☒ **Unity of invention is lacking** (see Box II).

4. With regard to the **title**,

☒ the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.

☐ the text has been established by this Authority to read as follows:

5. With regard to the **abstract**,

☒ the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.

☐ the text has been established, according to Rule 38.2(b), by this Authority as it appears in Box III. The applicant may, within one month from the date of mailing of this international search report, submit comments to this Authority.

6. The figure of the **drawings** to be published with the abstract is Figure No.

☐ as suggested by the applicant.

☐ because the applicant failed to suggest a figure.

☒ because this figure better characterizes the invention.

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☐ None of the figures.

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Box I Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 1 of first sheet)

This International Search Report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1. ☐ Claims Nos.:
because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:

2. ☐ Claims Nos.:
because they relate to parts of the International Application that do not comply with the prescribed requirements to such an extent that no meaningful International Search can be carried out, specifically:

3. ☐ Claims Nos.:
because they are dependent claims and are not drafted in accordance with the second and third sentences of Rule 6.4(a).

Box II Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)

This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows:

see additional sheet

1. ☐ As all required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this International Search Report covers all searchable claims.

2. ☐ As all searchable claims could be searched without effort justifying an additional fee, this Authority did not invite payment of any additional fee.

3. ☐ As only some of the required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this International Search Report covers only those claims for which fees were paid, specifically claims Nos.:

4. ☒ No required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant. Consequently, this International Search Report is restricted to the invention first mentioned in the claims; it is covered by claims Nos.:

1-11, 13-19, 21-50, 52-56

Remark on Protest

- ☐ The additional search fees were accompanied by the applicant's protest.
- ☐ No protest accompanied the payment of additional search fees.

FURTHER INFORMATION CONTINUED FROM PCT/ISA/ 210

This International Searching Authority found multiple (groups of) inventions in this international application, as follows:

1. Claims: 1-11,13-19,21-50,52-56

NB: Claims 1 - 6, 11, 13 - 19, 21 - 38, 40 - 50, 52 - 56 do not appear to be new or inventive:

Regarding claim 1:

D1 (WO 96/33483) discloses a display comprising:
a light source comprising a one-dimensional array of light-emitting elements each having a controllable light output (see "patterned backlight" and 17 in D1, page 8, last paragraph - page 9, second paragraph & Fig. 3, 4, 5);
and
a spatial light modulator comprising a plurality of controllable elements located to modulate light from the light source (see "liquid crystal modulator" in D1, page 8, last paragraph - page 10, line 4 & Fig. 1, 2, 5).

Regarding claim 52:

D4 (EP 829 747) discloses a display, which comprises all the features recited in claim 52:
a light source (see "light source" in D4, Fig. 2);
a first spatial light modulator located to modulate light from the light source, the first spatial light modulator comprising an array of controllable pixels (see "first modulator" in D4, Fig. 2 & col. 5, lines 27 - 37); and
a second spatial light modulator located to modulate light from the first spatial light modulator, the second spatial light modulator comprising an array of controllable pixels (see "second modulator" in D4, Fig. 2 & col. 5, lines 27 - 37).

Claims 2 - 4, 18, 23 - 28, 36 - 37, 50 are also disclosed in D1; claims 15, 31 - 33, 40 - 46, 49, 54 and 55 are disclosed in combination with D2 (US 2001/0035853); claims 5, 6, 11, 13, 14, 16, 17, 19, 21, 22, 29 - 30, 34 - 35, 38, 47, 48 relate to well known features.

2. Claim : 12

3. Claims: 20, 51

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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

IPC 7 G09G3/34 G09G3/32 G09G3/36 G02F1/13357 G02F1/1347

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

IPC 7 G09G G02B G02F

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practical, search terms used)

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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

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☒ Further documents are listed in the continuation of box C.☒ Patent family members are listed in annex.

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"X" document of particular relevance; the claimed invention cannot be considered novel or cannot be considered to involve an inventive step when the document is taken alone

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